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## Upcoming State Holiday's

Apr. 25, 2005  
May 30, 2005  
June 6, 2005  
July 4, 2005  
Sept. 5, 2005  
Oct. 10, 2005

Please note that  
the Board Office  
will be closed on  
these days.

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## View from the Chair

by: Diana McCampbell, LCSW

Over the past year the Board received a number of comments regarding the lack of testing sites within the state for taking the licensing exams. The Board shared those comments with the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) and asked for help to address the problem. ASWB initially responded that they were having difficulty locating a space to serve as a testing site. However, we recently learned that representatives from ACT will be in Alabama soon to view possible sites. This is welcome news and we hope it results in more convenient testing facilities. The Board also wrote to ASWB on behalf of licensed social workers regarding the costs associated with taking the

licensing exam. We received a very thoughtful and courteous reply from ASWB detailing the various costs associated with the licensing exam. We all learned a lot about why the fees are necessary. ASWB's finance committee reviews the examination fees every five years and a review is up coming; Alabama's concerns will be shared with the committee when they meet.

On March 14, 2005 ABSWE received the 2004 ASWB Pass Rates report for the State of Alabama. The report provides pass rates for licensees in Alabama and nationally. Again, Alabama's social workers did not compare favorably with the rest of the

nation. For example, the national pass rate for 2004 for first time exam takers at the bachelor's level is 80.6%; for Alabama, it is 61.5%.

I encourage schools of Social Work within the state to request their individualized reports from ASWB and review the report to see how well your graduates are doing.

On several occasions the Board has had the disappointing job of denying a candidate's request to sit for their LCSW exam because they had not properly submitted a Contract for Supervision prior to receiving their two years of supervision. Those individuals who provide supervision to candidates for the licensing exam

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*"AL Adm. Code 850-X-3.02 explains social work supervision"*

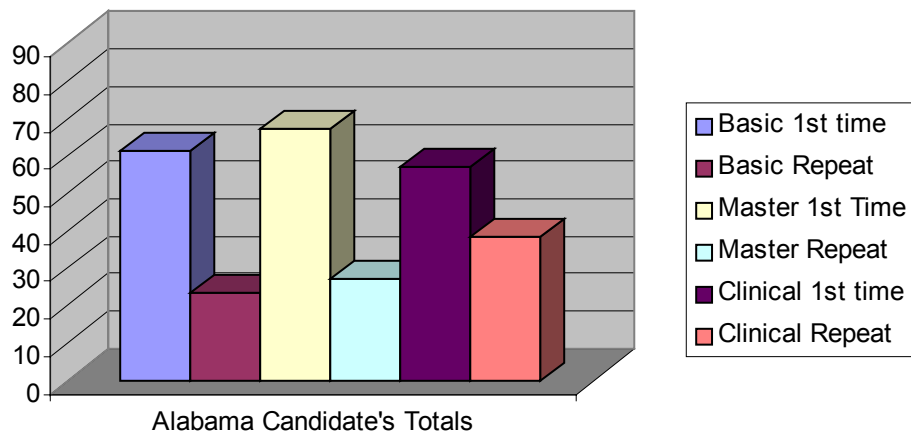
should review the ABSWE Administrative Code at section 850-X-3-.02 (3), (4) and (5). Supervision requirements are listed in this section and (3) partially states "A contract

must be negotiated between the supervisor and the supervisee and is subject to the approval of the Board." Much time and expense is incurred by both the

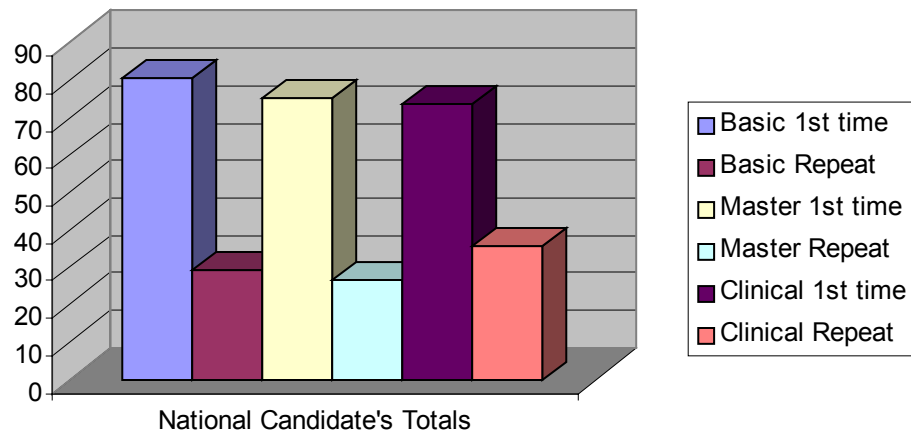
supervisor and the supervisee over a two-year period and the Board would like to prevent these situations from occurring in the future. ☺

The Pass/Fail Rates are provided by ASWB. The totals are from 2004. We left off the Advanced Level because only 3 people took that exam during the 2004-year with only 1 passing. The results from the Pass/Fail report have been posted in the newsletter in the past with very much the same results. It's time for a change!

**Alabama Pass/Fail Rates**



**National Pass/Fail Rates**



## Social Workers... Do You Need Insurance?

The Alabama Chapter of NASW has been asked to research the idea of offering a group health insurance plan for social workers. A member of our state board of directors reported that it was her belief that social workers, especially those in private practice, would like the opportunity to purchase

health insurance.

If you are a social worker who is interested in participating in a group health insurance plan, please contact the chapter office. Initially they plan to determine if there is a need for this type of insurance, and if a need is identified they will

research the options and proceed from there.

Look for more information on this issue in future newsletters from NASW.

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"A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug."

{Patricia Neal}

### "Three Cheers for Thirty Years"

The Alabama Society of Health Care Social Worker's Fall conference will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort October 20 and 21st 2005. We will be celebrating 30 years as a Society.

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## MINDS EYE: A Celebration of the Arts and Mind

An awareness event to benefit the Mental Health Association of Central Alabama in the campaign to erase the stigma associated with mental illness.

**WHEN:** Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Historic Alabama Theater, 1817 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, AL

**WHAT:** ~~Performances will pay tribute to notable artists who suffered from mental illness:~~

Charles Dickens, Mozart, John Nash ("A Beautiful Mind"), John Lennon, Sheryl Crow, Liza Minnelli, Pablo Picasso, Ray Charles, Vivian Vance, Neil Simon and Rodney Dangerfield.

~~Dance, Music, and Theater provided by:~~

Jan Hunter, George Vinson's Project One Fifty featuring Tony Wachter, Blue Galaxy String Quartet, Lolly Lee, The Mann Family, Ken Talley, Ellise Mayor, Two children's ensembles from Summerfest, Terry Hermes, and Grey Tilden

#### HOW MUCH:

\$5 Students & Seniors  
\$10 General Admission  
\$30 VIP Silver Section  
\$40 VIP Gold Section  
\$50 VIP Platinum Section

\*VIP tickets include reception prior to performances and reserved seating.

Reception includes heavy hors d'oeuvre, beverages, and live music

To purchase tickets or for more information call 205/933-9393 or check out [www.mhaca.com](http://www.mhaca.com)

## Social Work: *What can I do with this degree?*

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	DESCRIPTIONS/STRATEGIES
<u>Public Welfare</u> Administration and Planning Case Management Program Evaluation Policy Setting Research	Public welfare agencies Private social service agencies	<p><b>Public welfare is designed to provide services and support for poor, disabled, ill, elderly, or juvenile clients.</b></p> <p>Volunteer at homeless shelters, soup kitchens, battered woman homes, literacy programs, or other social service agencies to get experience.</p>
<u>Criminal Justice/Corrections</u> Counseling/Therapy Rehabilitation Probation Parole Youth Services Victim Assistance	Prisons and correctional facilities Courts Police Departments Probation Officer Victim service organizations	<p><b>Social workers in corrections focus on rehabilitation of clients.</b></p> <p>Obtain experience by volunteering at a corrections facility or victims program such as a rape crisis center.</p>
<u>Child Welfare</u> Case Management Advocacy Intervention	Public/Private child welfare agencies Adoption agencies Foster care organizations	<p><b>Child welfare social workers strive to ensure the safety and well-being of children through treatment of the whole family.</b></p> <p>Volunteer at children's shelters, camps, YMCA, Scouts, or other agencies that aid youth.</p>
<u>Gerontology</u> Advocacy/Intervention Counseling Case Management Programming Public Policy	Hospitals Nursing homes Senior centers	<p><b>Gerontology involves working with older adults, healthy or ill, and their families.</b></p> <p>Get involved with programs/organizations designed for senior citizens.</p>
<u>Clinical</u> Counseling Therapy	Community mental health centers Psychiatric hospitals Residential and day treatment hospitals Employment assistance programs Schools Family service agencies Private practice	<p><b>Clinical social workers are found in a variety of settings that provide therapeutic counseling to clients.</b></p> <p>A PIP certification in Clinical Social Work is required for private practice settings.</p>
<u>Administration</u> Management Policy Development Planning	Family service agencies Child welfare departments Social service agencies State mental health departments Public welfare agencies Local, state and federal government	<p><b>Administrators are involved with planning, budgeting, public relations, operations management, fund raising and other crucial responsibilities that keeps an organization functioning.</b></p>
<u>Health Care</u> Case Management Counseling Program Development Administration Research	Hospitals Community health centers Outpatient clinics Public health programs Nursing homes Group homes Hospice Veterans Administration hospitals	<p><b>Social workers in health care facilitate medical and emotional treatment of patients.</b></p> <p>Choose volunteer settings such as hospitals, the American Red Cross, or AIDS agencies to get experience.</p>

**New LBSW's Issued**

4013B	BAILEY	SENEQUA	N	DEC 2004	FLORENCE
4014B	DORSETT	AMANDA	E	DEC 2004	HOOVER
4015B	EASLEY	JULIE	D	DEC 2004	ALBERTVILLE
4016B	EMMONS	CARLA	S	DEC 2004	TRUSSVILLE
4017B	KILGROE	CHRISTINA	M	DEC 2004	JACKSONVILLE
4018B	RAY	SARAH	M	DEC 2004	BIRMINGHAM
4019B	WILLIAMS	ERIKA	J	DEC 2004	PLEASANT GROVE
4020B	BALL	TONI	S	JAN 2005	EASTABOGA
4021B	HILL	KIMBERLY	N	JAN 2005	MOBILE
4022B	PATTON	MONICA	W	JAN 2005	ALBERTVILLE
4023B	CUTTS	ANDRETTA	M	JAN 2005	BESSEMER
4024B	DAWSON	STEPHANIE	A	JAN 2005	OZARK
4025B	JONES	KATHY	H	JAN 2005	MONTGOMERY
4026B	WILLIAMS	LEILANI	L	JAN 2005	MONTGOMERY
4027B	BATTLE	ADRIENNE	B	FEB 2005	LUVERNE
4028B	BROWN	WILLIAM	M	FEB 2005	SYLACAUGA
4029B	GLENN	ERIKA	M	FEB 2005	BIRMINGHAM
4030B	JUNEAU	ALISHA	K	FEB 2005	ALABASTER
4031B	SMYTH	JENNIFER	L	FEB 2005	MONTGOMERY
4032B	BURGETT	JENNIFER	E	FEB 2005	MADISON
4033B	GENTRY	CHRISTIE	L	FEB 2005	CROSSVILLE
4034B	HOPPER	ROBERT	S	FEB 2005	BIRMINGHAM
4035B	SEBACK	SHERRI		FEB 2005	FAIRHOPE
4036B	STOVALL	GRACE	E	FEB 2005	ALBERTVILLE
4037B	HINSON	JULIE	K	FEB 2005	TUSCALOOSA
4038B	CREDILLE	SAMANTHA	A	MAR 2005	FLORENCE
4039B	FLANAGAN	REBECCA	R	MAR 2005	SCOTTSBORO
4040B	LAMPKIN	JOSEPHINE	M	MAR 2005	BIRMINGHAM
4041B	PARKER	KATHY	W	MAR 2005	FOLEY
4042B	PULLUM	JUSTIN	W	MAR 2005	FLORENCE
4043B	WILSON	HILLARY B. EDWARDS		MAR 2005	HOOVER
4044B	HALL	VICKY	N	MAR 2005	NORTHPORT
4045B	HILLIARD	GWENDOLYN	P	MAR 2005	OXFORD
4046B	KENNEY	STEPHANIE	O	MAR 2005	FALKVILLE
4047B	KILGROE	JENNIFER	B	MAR 2005	PELL CITY

**New LGSW's Issued**

1976G	HARRIS	KAREN	D	DEC 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1977G	LEE	GEORGE	R	DEC 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1978G	LYNCH	TAMMI	G	DEC 2004	SELMA
1979G	WOLANZYK	LISA	M	JAN 2005	ATHENS
1980G	BUCHANAN	AMANDA	E	JAN 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1981G	SMITH	AMY	E	JAN 2005	JACKSONVILLE
1982G	BROOKS	BRANDYNI COLE		JAN 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1983G	BUMGARDNER	SANDRA	B	JAN 2005	SOUTHSIDE
1984G	SINGLETON	TERINA		JAN 2005	MONTGOMERY
1985G	SMITH	KAREN	M	JAN 2005	GREENVILLE
1986G	HASSELVANDER	KRYSTAL	L	FEB 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1987G	COOKE	JANICE	E	FEB 2005	HOOVER
1988G	STAFFO	ANDREA	M	FEB 2005	BUHL
1989G	KING	LILA	K	FEB 2005	HUNTSVILLE
1990G	STEELE	SHANNON	B	FEB 2005	COLUMBUS

1992G	EDWARDS	KIMBERLY	M	MAR 2005	PRATTVILLE
1993G	TAYLOR	MARION	L	MAR 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1994G	LIPSEY-HARVEY	ELLA		MAR 2005	MOBILE
1995G	MANCIL	JEANNA GRACE	L	MAR 2005	NORTHPORT
1996G	PENMAN	KERRY	L	MAR 2005	MADISON

**New LCSW's Issued**

1861C	BLOCH	JEFFREY	F	DEC 2004	MCCALLA
1862C	BRISTOW	PATRICIA	A	JAN 2005	HARVEST
1863C	THAM	CHEREE	M	JAN 2005	BATON ROUGE
1864C	TONEY	VINCENT	D	JAN 2005	HUNTSVILLE
1865C	STEWART	ROGER	K	JAN 2005	FAIRHOPE
1866C	HUCKABEE	ROBYN	R	JAN 2005	COLUMBUS
1867C	NEUBAUER	NICOLE	L	JAN 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1868C	POWELL	GLENNA	E	JAN 2005	EUFAULA
1869C	MARTIN	WANDA	S	FEB 2005	PHENIX CITY
1870C	SEDLACEK	DAVID	A	FEB 2005	HUNTSVILLE
1871C	FOWLER	WILLIAM	D	FEB 2005	AUBURN
1872C	PATTON	VANESSA	D	FEB 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1873C	BARRAZA	MELANIE	D	FEB 2005	MADISON
1874C	ROGERS	SAMUEL	T	FEB 2005	PORT ALLEN
1875C	HUGHES	CHRISTINA	L	MAR 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1876C	WELCH	KRISTY	M	MAR 2005	RIDGELAND
1877C	HARRIS	ELAINE		MAR 2005	ST. LOUIS
1878C	SMITH	KYNDRA	G	MAR 2005	DECATUR
1879C	BOBO	STACEY	N	MAR 2005	NORTHPORT
1880C	WELLS	KELLY	G	MAR 2005	STERRETT

**NEW PIP's Issued**

0696-1855C	ALLEN	ANN	M	JAN 2005	MADISON
0697-1858C	BRAND	KENT	R	JAN 2005	FLORENCE
0698-1502C	GOODENOUGH	WESLEY	R	JAN 2005	BIRMINGH.
0699-1719C	MOSS-PEARSON	CYNTHIA		JAN 2005	BIRMINGH.
0700-1670C	VASAVADA	DIPTI		JAN 2005	HUNTSVILI
0701-1260C	WICKERSHAM	KIMBERLY	M	JAN 2005	SYLACAUC
0702-1857C	BARTON	MELANIE	J	FEB 2005	HUNTSVILI
0703-1590C	GREEN	PAMELA	F	FEB 2005	HELENA
0704-1765C	SMITH	CHERYL	L	FEB 2005	BIRMINGH.
0705-1864C	TONEY	VINCENT	D	FEB 2005	HUNTSVILI

## Free CE from The Department of Public Health

The Alabama Department of Public Health still offers the satellite conference free to Alabama Social Workers. For more information log on to The Department of Public Health's web site at: <http://www.adph.org/alphntn/> Check it out frequently for updates on programs and availability.

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### *Reminders from the board office...*

Continuing education is due the last day of the month your license is to be renewed. The 60-day grace period applies **ONLY** to getting the information into the office.

All licensees are required to obtain 30 hours of CE per renewal period for

their license and PIP's are required to obtain an additional 20 hours for their PIP certifications.

Address changes need to be in writing and submitted to the board office. They may be mailed, faxed or emailed. We can

not accept changes over the telephone.

The Board can not act on anonymous complaints made by the public or another social worker. All complaints must be signed and notarized on a complaint form (see web site).

### *Up Coming Events*

Are you searching for CE opportunities? Have you looked at your Board's web site? We list all approved programs submitted with contact numbers for those interested in joining. Some are even *FREE*. Do yourself a favor and check it out!

The Alabama Association of Violence Intervention Programs presents:

### **SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS**

Featuring David Mandel, MA, co-founding partner in the Non-Violence Alliance, an organization specializing in batterer intervention.

Mark your calendars for June 9 and 10, 2005

For more information and a registration form, please visit:

<http://www.3rdmil.us/AAVIP/> Or call Wes Goodenough at 205-328-6012.

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